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MCCLOSKEY SLATED FOR UD SPEECH

DAYTON, Ohio, January 7, 1976 --- Paul McCloskey, the congressman from California who was the only Republican to challenge Richard Nixon for the nomination in 1972, will speak at the University of Dayton Monday, January 12 at 8 p.m. in the Kennedy Union Ballroom. He will speak on domestic affairs.

McCloskey has been busy since 1972 living up to statements made in his campaign speeches when he promised to fight for clean air and water but added, "we can't do anything until this war is over." Since that time he has worked on major pieces of environmental legislation.

He also has been a supporter of the Ford administration even though his votes to override presidential vetoes have outnumbered his votes to sustain them.

His opposition to Ronald Reagan has been more outspoken and even extended to asking Reagan to debate him in New Hampshire. The request was refused. McCloskey, who is closely identified with the liberal wing of the Republican party, has opposed Reagan since his days as California governor.

McCloskey worked on the Consumer Protection Bill. He was sponsor of an amendment to abolish existing consumer agencies whose functions were being duplicated. The amendment has been accounted as the reason for the bill's passage. He also authored an amendment to the Price Anderson Nuclear Insurance Bill which makes industry liable for nuclear accidents.

His activities as ranking Republican on the Merchant Marine Committee have brought him into contact with other environmental issues. He is an opponent of the move to extend the 12 mile limit for fishing rights off U.S. costal waters to 200 miles. He sees the move as a step backward from international cooperation as well as a violation of international law. He presently is working to strengthen the Marine Mammal Protection Act to include porpoises which are threatened by extinction.

McCloskey's appearance at UD is a part of the Distinguished Visitors Speakers Series.

EDITORS NOTE: Press Conference for Congressman McCloskey will be held Monday, January 12, 1976 at 4:30 P.M. in Room 222 of Kennedy Union.